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SUBMITTED BY

THE INHABITANTS OF VILLAGES

IN

TALAVADI FIRKA. GOBICHETTIPALAYAM TALUK, COIMBATORE DISTRICT., MADRAS STATE.

To

Respected Sir,

The formation of New Mysore State is whole heartedly welcomed by entire Kannada speaking population of this country. In such reorganisation we are pained to see that the entire area, Talavadi firka in Gobichettipalayam Taluk, Coimbatore District is not being included in the new State of Mysore, in spite of such a change being just and equitable.

The above firka is about 250 Square miles in area and has a population of 22,505. This is surrounded on the west and north by the State of Mysore while on the other two sides there are dense forests and high range mountains connecting the rest of the taluk of Gobichettipalayam. This firka area has a general elevation of about 3,000 feet above sea level and is a continuation of the Mysore Plateau, while the rest of the taluk is down below in the plains, which could be reached by means of a narrow ghat road.

There are 21 main villages in this area. The Kannada speaking population in them is as high as 85 to 100 percent. The census figures vouchsafe for these facts. There are 32 elementary schools in this firka and every one of them is a Kannada school. The transactions of all sorts are evidenced by deeds in Kannada; hence the language of the registration office is Kannada. By contrast the rest of the taluk along with as the rest of the District, speaks Tamil.

This firka has every kind of affinity and attachment to the State of Mysore and Kollegal Taluk, which rightly was transferred from Madras to Mysore State under the States Reorganisation. In fact this area formed a part of Kollegal Revenue Taluk during 1910 to 1914. Till the States Reorganisation, Viz 1—11—1956, this firka was attached to Kollegal Taluk in civil, criminal and police matters. This area till as late as 1950 was under the jurisdiction of Kollegal Range Inspector in educational matters. The postal facilities herein comes under Mysore Postal Division. It may be interesting to notice here that this firka under the last delimitation proposals had been tacked on to Kollegal taluk to form a single constituency for the Legislative Assembly after a very careful consideration of all aspects of the question mainly its lack of accessibility from the rest of the taluk, from which it had to be detached as a consequence.

This Talavadi area is having the facility of public transport connecting with the rest of the taluk inclusive of the taluk head quarters of Gobichettipalayam by passing through a portion of Mysore State, unless one purposely takes a circutious, hazardous, country and earthern road through forest and mountainous areas at great cost, and risk.

Talavadi firka is physically situated on Mysore State borders. This area is historically, socially, commercially, economically, culturally, linguistically and geographically bifurcated from Gobichettipalayam Taluk but intertwined fully with Kollegal Taluk and old Mysore State. Talavadi firka has complete eligibility in all respects to merge in the New Mysore State. Talavadi is only about 12 miles from the nearest taluk headquarters of Chamarajanagar in Mysore State, which also is the nearest Railway station, whereas it is 52 miles away from the taluk headquarters of Gobichettipalayam. Under the aforesaid circumstances the inhabitants of this area naturally have to depend and are depending upon the facilities in Mysore for their secondary and collegiate education ; Medical institutions in Mysore come more in handy for our service than elsewhere. In short we depend upon the facilities in the state of Mysore in our every day life. The rest of our taluk is resorted to on official and other connected work owing to difficulties created by physical features.

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Our difficalties have become acute and aggravented as we have now got to go to Gobichettipalayam for all civil, criminal and police matters, for which we were hitherto resorting to Kollegal, which is now taken over to New Mysore State. It may not be feasible or possible for the athorities to create all the needed facilities in the matter of Kannada education to our children hereafter.

There are clear evidences to day to prove that this area was under the administration of Mysore once Stone inscriptions in this area in Kannada speak to this. The famous Tippu Sultan Mountain Ghat Road from the Mysore plateau to the plains below pass through in the heart of our area from north to south; a portion of it is still used.

The breaking up of Shencottah taluk of Travancore state are merging it with Madras and Kerala as the Ghats separate them is quite reasonable. We submit that our area is separated from the rest of Gobichettipalayam taluk by Eastern Ghats. On anology we pray that our area which is to the north of the Eastern Ghats, may be easily separated as it is separate and distinct.

The various bodies set up to go into the question of realignment of states inclusive of the High Power Committee on States Reorganisation have been represented consistently by us of our unmistakable consensus of opinion of this area of our strong desire to be merged with the Mysore State. A number of conferences have been held with the active co-operation and support of leading politicians and others wherein resolutions to the above effect have been passed and submitted to all concerned authorities. The public have represented their views to be merged in the New State of Mysore by waiting deputation on central and concerned state Ministers in addition to innumerable memoranda, telegrams and other representations. Under such circumstance we are pained and surprised to find out that our area has not been properly dealt with in the States Reorganisation.

We beg to submit that under the above circumstances this area is eminently a fit case for transfer to the new state of Mysore. Since border adjustments by mutual agreement is envisaged by the Central Government's proposals we pray that the Madras and Mysore Governments will be pleased to accord their agreement to transfer this area to the new state of Mysore.

We beg to remain,
Respected sir,
LOYAL CITIZENS OF INDIAN DOMINION
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